

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-40 are active in the present application. Claims 12-40 are drawn to the elected subject matter and support for these claims is found in Claim 10 and the specification as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The objection to Claim 10 is obviated by the cancellation of the claim.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. Early notice of such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 10.

New Claims 12-40.